

HB 3000 -- AUDITS OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SPONSOR: Perkins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, the number of signatures needed for a petition requesting the State Auditor to audit a political subdivision is determined based on the number of qualified voters of the political subdivision that cast votes in the last gubernatorial election prior to the filing of the petition.

This bill requires the number of signatures needed to be determined based on the number of qualified voters of the political subdivision that cast votes in the last gubernatorial election prior to the requesting of the petition.

This bill is similar to SB 644 (2025).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that goalposts can get moved on people over the current yearlong duration around petitions for audits. This bill says the date will be measured from the date of the request for the petition. A petition was filed in St. Louis for an audit a couple years ago and it had a different number of required signatures upon completing the process. When a person or group begins the process, they should know the required number of signatures for the petition to succeed.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Perkins; Arnie Dienoff; and Brandon Alexander, State Auditor's Office.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.